Closing the Achievement Gap

Every summer, low-income youth lose two to three months in reading skills while their higher income peers make slight gains. Most youth lose about two months of math skills in the summer. These reading and math losses add up. By fifth grade, summer learning loss can leave low income students 3 years behind their peers. Research shows that while gaps in student achievement remain relatively constant during the school year, the gap widens significantly during the summer.

National Summer Learning Association



Horizons Hampton Roads has a proven track record of reducing *Summer Slide* for its 400 students. Not only do Horizons students not fall behind, they make academic advances. Since 1999, Horizons Hampton Roads participants have demonstrated consistent gains of 8-12 weeks' grade equivalency in reading and math during each of our 6-week summer sessions along with improved attendance and self-esteem.



Inspiring Minds

Horizons Hampton Roads inspires young minds through proven summer enrichment programs where low-income children are challenged academically, socially and physically to meet with greater successes in school and in life and are rewarded with gains on academic testing and grow in confidence



Building Community

Horizons brings together all members of the community, leveraging local resources to create a safe learning environment where low-income public school students can fulfill their potential. Private Schools, Public Schools, local businesses and dedicated individuals all work together to make this happen



Transforming Lives

During six weeks of summer learning, Horizons transforms lives by enriching the mind with knowledge, the spirit with confidence, and the imagination with **possibility** while providing daily swim lessons for physical recreation

Horizons Hampton Roads

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"Inspiring minds, building community, transforming lives"



Horizons Hampton Roads

Horizons Hampton Roads is an academic, cultural and recreational enrichment program that runs for six weeks each summer. We serve students from Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach public schools who are eligible for free/reduced



lunch. Our population are students at or below grade level who enjoy school but may experience difficulty accessing the regular curriculum without intervention.

Our goal is to teach every child to be confident and passionate about who they are and what they have to offer the world. We achieve this through unique partnerships with community organizations that allow us to focus on reading and math while offering weekly field trips, daily swimming lessons, art, music, financial, nutritional and STEM education. All classes are taught by licensed teachers. On average our students gain 2-3 months in reading and math skills each summer.

Horizons' goal is to keep children in the program from every year, K-8. We continue to nurture them through our high school program and volunteer opportunities at Horizons. Nationally, children who participate in Horizons for the long term have a 99% high school graduation rate.







Enrollment

EVERY student must apply every year.

Preference is given to returning students
Registration for returning students begins
January 1. Spots will be held for potentially
returning students until March 15. After that,
all students will be placed on the wait list and
spots will be filled from the waitlist. Priority is
also given to siblings of current attendees but it
is imperative that enrollment commence early so
that space is available. Prior to March 15, new
students will be admitted as space permits.

New Students

Enrollment is coordinated through your school counselor. If you are interested in having your child attend Horizons, ask the school counselor for an application or to call us for application materials. School personnel should contact our Enrollment Specialist, Cathy Martinez at (757) 412-0249 x3

Family Night

In order to complete enrollment and admission for ALL students, a MANDATORY evening session must be attended by the enrolling student and an adult family member (parent or designated adult). This meeting is held in May.

The Six-Week Summer Program

Program Hours

8:30am - 3:00pm Monday - Friday

Locations

Virginia Beach – Chesapeake Bay Academy Norfolk – Norfolk Collegiate School Portsmouth – Portsmouth Catholic Regional School

Schedule

The *daily schedule* includes breakfast, lunch and a snack, reading, math, stem activities and swimming.

The *weekly schedule* includes a field trip, art and music classes, "specials" such as Lego Robotics, Chess, 3D printing, photography or sailing.

Cost

A \$25 registration fee is due for each student when accepted into the program. Enrollment is not complete nor guaranteed until receipt of this fee. This fee will be refunded if withdrawal notice is given prior to May 31 and we are able to fill the spot.

Transportation

Transportation to Horizons will be provided to/from centralized BUS STOPS (not door-to-door service). Bus stops will be determined by the School Transportation Office according to the locations of admitted students. Parents are responsible for getting students to a bus stop or directly to Horizons.